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TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS!

In extending greetings of the holiday season, the publishers of this newspaper wish to single one very special group. We want to say a sincere word of appreciation to the faithful group of correspondents who send us weekly news letters from their communities. A weekly newspaper is no stronger than its news columns. Many people at a distance subscribe to it because it is a weekly letter from "home."

Some of our correspondents have been writing for this newspaper for many, many years. We would feel lost without them! And maybe some of our readers would, too. So, we speak for the Times-Virginian family of readers when we single out this fine group of neighborhood news reporters, and say: THANKS!

PEACE ON EARTH —
GOOD WILL TO MEN

(From: The Eastern Shore News)
Soon in the East will shine again the Star of Bethlehem. And if we listen closely the heavens will echo the refrain first heard above Judean hills, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to men." Would that in the nearly 2,000 years that have elapsed since that time we mortals had learned how much of peace, happiness, and contentment are contained in that message given peoples of the earth by that angelic choir. Would that the all-encompassing love which the birth of the Christ child symbolized to all peoples had become the passion of our hearts, the preceptor of our lives.

Something that passes for peace now hovers precariously over a strife-torn world. It is true that men have laid down their arms. But they have not yet opened their hearts. Selfish interests still motivate the pens that are trying to write the covenant of peace desired by all peoples of the world. Short-sighted statesmen have not yet grasped the full possibilities of the heaven-sent formula for universal harmony — Good Will to Men.

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The spirit of Christmastide is the gift of unselfish service. May the wise men of the world now sitting around the council table of the nations open their hearts and minds to the God-given message trumpeted o'er the earth every Christmas season — "Peace on Earth,—Good Will to Men."

BLOOD BAND PROGRAM

(Guest Editorial)

The National Blood Program of the American Red Cross did not come into being as a result of an accident. The nation's top leaders in medicine saw the great benefits of blood transfusions during the war. They realized that the need would be constant during peacetime.

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No greater peacetime project has ever been undertaken by the American Red Cross. It is a project that deserves and unquestionably will receive the full support of the American people.

Shirley Temple honeymoons with her second husband.

KOREAN REPORTING

(From The Boston Post)

The news lag from Korea is noticeably slower these days. There is a delay in the reporting of engagements, often of 24 hours or more. Developments are revealed only in the most general terms. And there seems to be a new sense of vagueness in the stories about what is going on. Yet we do not feel too badly about this. It is noticeable chiefly because it is in contrast to the sharp, detailed reporting of previous actions. We do not want such comprehensive coverage if it is going to cost American lives. And there can be no doubt that the enemy has often been given too much information by these stories. That the Reds have given them close attention is well known, even to the extent of having a 24-hour watch on all short wave news broadcasts from the Far East.

Big run of mackerel reported off Eastern Shore waters.

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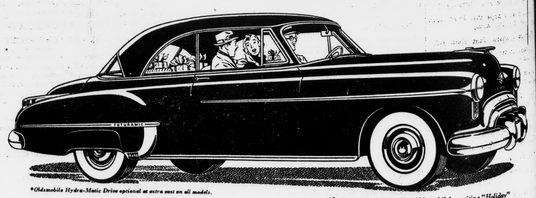

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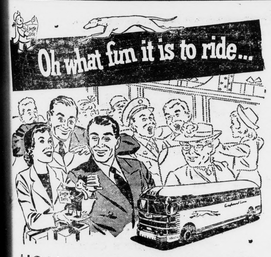

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Evergreen

Evergreen, Dec. 19.- There will be a Christmas play given at the Evergreen Baptist Church Sunday night. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. Sam Jennings spent several days last week in Petersburg with her sister, Mrs. S. W. Farrar, who has been ill.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mrs. Eddie Warriner is on the sick list. Those calling to see her over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans, Mrs. George Glover, Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham, Mrs. H. B. Cralle, Mrs Larkin Harvey, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Martin, Mrs. John Kent Hamilton, Mrs. Ryland Staples and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell and son visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrett recently.

Those visiting Mrs. Howard Glover and family Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Driskell and daughter, Paul Ferguson and Gregory Ferguson, all of Lynchburg.

Mrs. H. B. Cralle is out after having the mumps.

Daniel Jennings, son of Mrs. Sam Jennings, killed a five-pointer deer weighing 145 pounds last week.

All the people from here are wishing you, the Editor, and your sweet wife a Merry, Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Richwood

Richwood, Dec. 19.- We extend a most cordial seasonal greeting to readers of this column. We hope that all of you have and will be benefitted by your reading. To the Editor of this paper let us wish many years of more of the same. If we have kindly thoughts to express, now is the tim eto express them.

Note: For the information of contributors to this column: Items for publication will not be accepted from children unless written by and signed by the parents. For organizations, the information must be from, written by and signed by an elected official of the organization.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Davis and son, Mr. and Mrs. Atwell Powell and son, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marsh were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Carter Martin was in Lynchburg on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Reed and children, of Lynchburg were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

Miss Marvis Wooldridge, who was sick with flu this week, is much better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were the guests of her parents one night last week.

Mrs. Robert A. Guill and daughter were the guests of Mrs. D. A. Pugh Saturday afternoon.

Gen. Eisenhower to commond the combined West European defense forces.

Cold weather slated to continue over the holidays.

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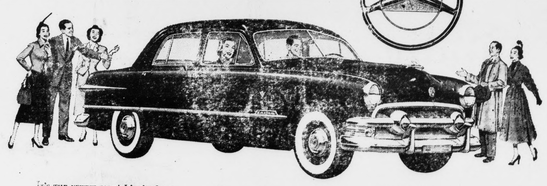

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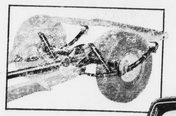

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